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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 167. The Advocate-General's opinion was received on 14th October 1930.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to answer to clause (*c*) the Government say they have no information. As I understood from the reply of the hon. the Law Member, he said that the information has been called for and the report has been collected. May I know whether the information has been received ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Application of the Borstal Act to boys convicted for political offences.

* 169 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter of the application of the Borstal Act to boys convicted for political offences not involving moral turpitude ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 167.

Panchayat Courts

Opening of a village panchayat court in Ellutla.

* 170 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have accorded sanction to open a village panchayat court in Ellutla, Vayalpad taluk, Chittoor district, and if not, why not ;

(*b*) whether the majority of the residents are in favour of the proposal ;

(*c*) whether a meeting was held in the village by the Collector of Madanapalle in response to a mahazar signed by a large number of residents of the village to constitute a panchayat ;

(*d*) how many assembled there were in favour of and against the formation ; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the report of the Collector of the district regarding the opening of the panchayat court ?

A.—(*a*) to (*e*) The Government have not received any proposal from the Collector on the subject.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" Is it not a fact that a meeting was held at Ellutla and that the majority of the people of that place were in favour of opening a panchayat court there ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As I said, we have not received information from the Collector. There is no report from the Collector. "

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" Was there not a meeting held ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" That is exactly what I said. The Collector has not made any report. The Government do not know anything as to whether a meeting was held or not. "